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Effects of Sacubitril/Valsartan on N-Terminal Pro-B-Type Natriuretic Peptide in Heart Failure with Preserved Ejection Fraction

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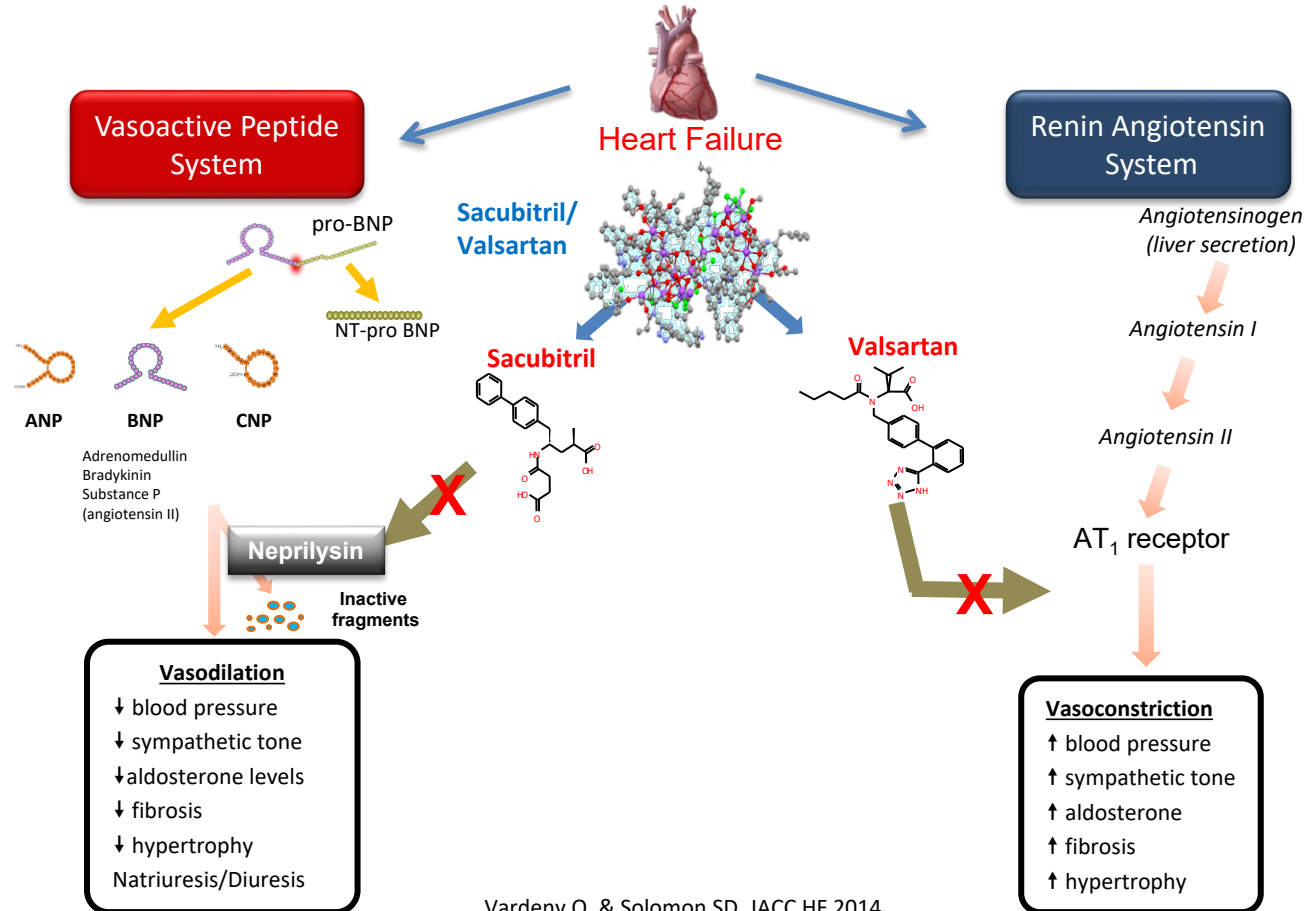
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Sacubitril/Valsartan –Angiotensin Receptor Neprilysin Inhibitor – Simultaneously Inhibits NEP and the RAS



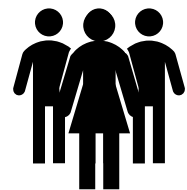
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Key Eligibility Criteria

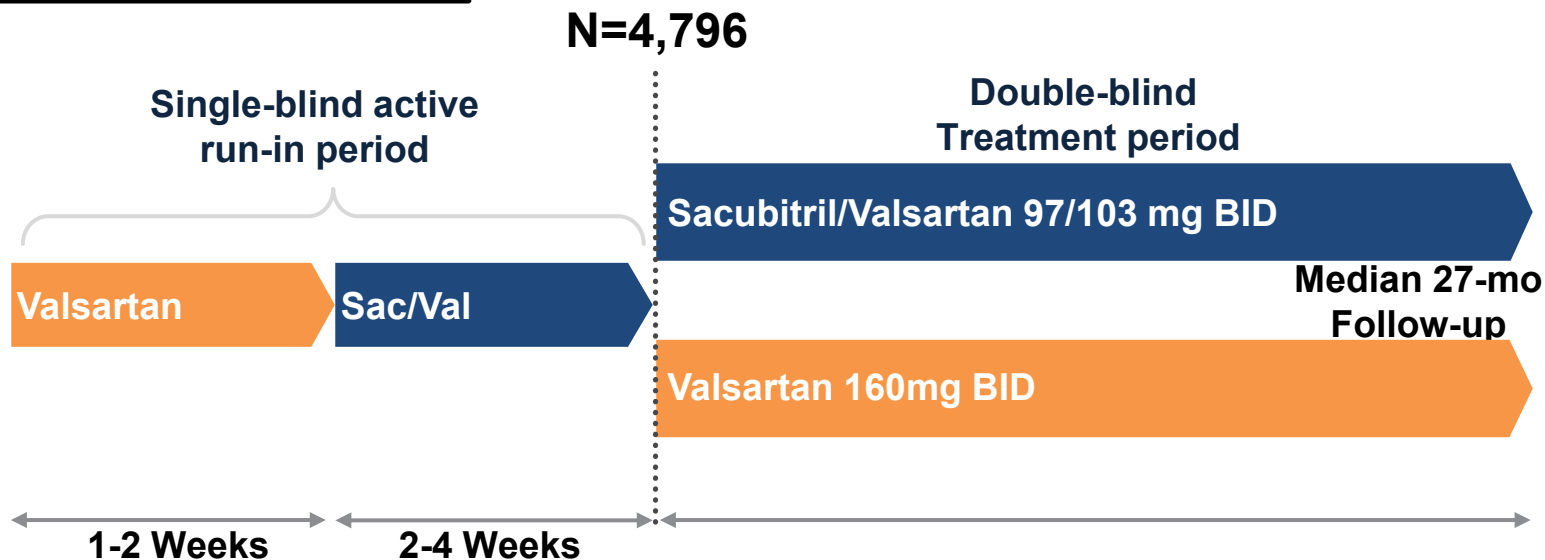
- Age ≥ 50 years
- EF $\geq 45\%$
- Elevated Natriuretic Peptides
- Structural Heart Disease

Minimum NT-proBNP for Inclusion

- >200 pg/ml with HF hospitalization
- >300 pg/ml without hospitalization
- 3-fold increase in AF



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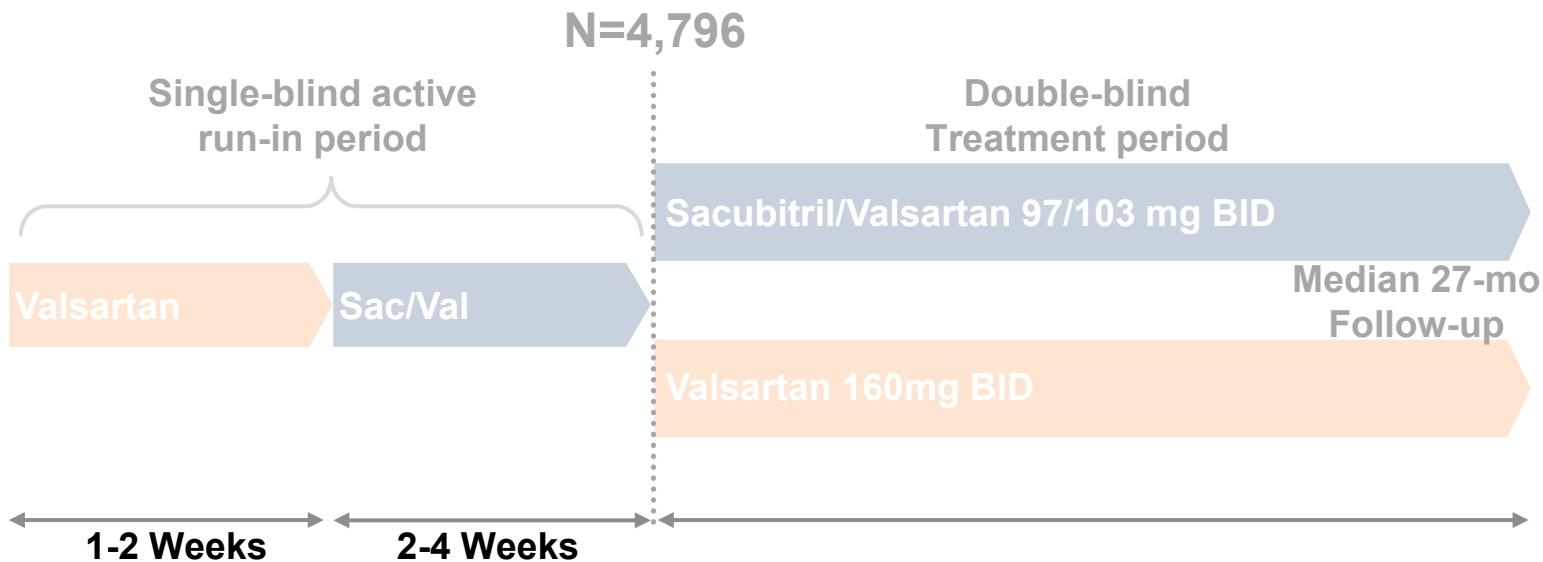
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n=2,502

Screening Pre Run-In

Pre Sac/Val

Randomization

16wks

48wks

N=4,796

Single-blind active
run-in period

Double-blind
Treatment period

Valsartan

Sac/Val

Sacubitril/Valsartan 97/103 mg BID

Valsartan 160mg BID

Median 27-mo
Follow-up

1-2 Weeks

2-4 Weeks



Screening

Objective

To investigate the relationship between NT-proBNP and outcomes in patients with HFpEF, and the effect of sacubitril/valsartan on NT-proBNP

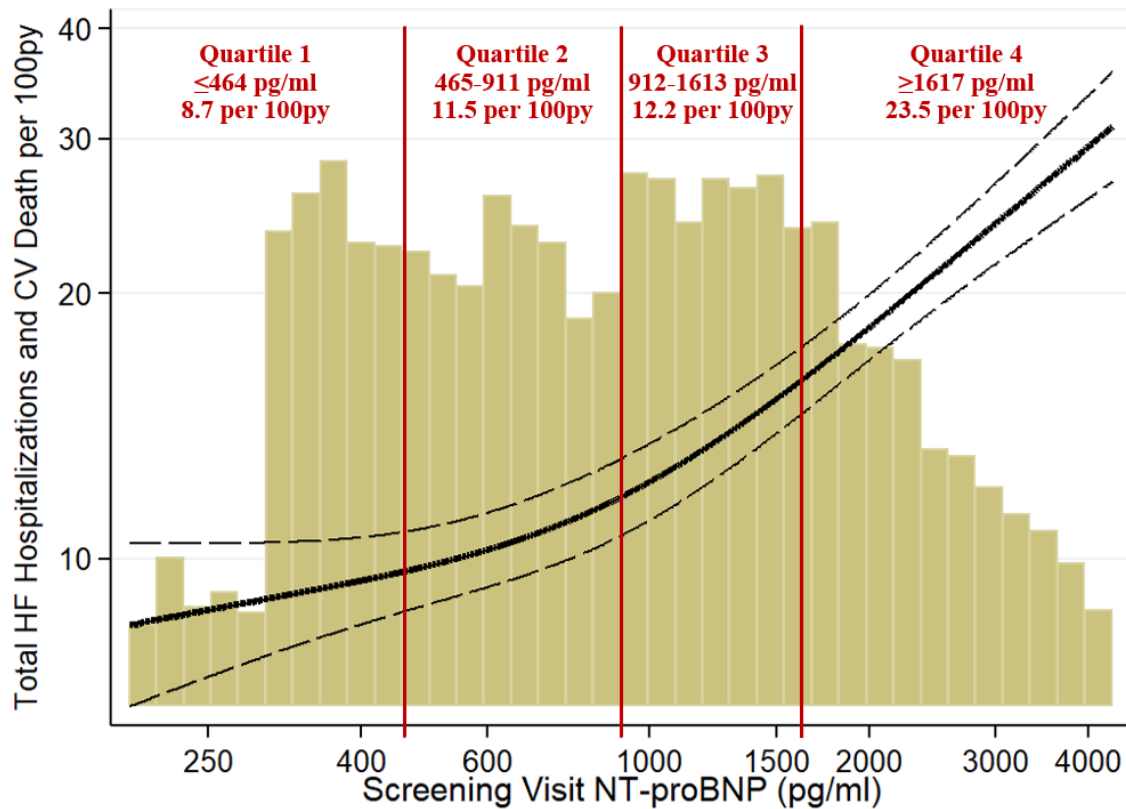
Baseline Characteristics in Each NT-proBNP Quartile

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|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------|
| NT-proBNP (pg/ml) | <464 | 465-911 | 912-1613 | 1617-31,522 | |
| Age (years) | 70.8 ± 8.4 | 72.6 ± 8.4 | 73.3 ± 8.2 | 74.4 ± 8.3 | <0.001 |
| Women | 56% | 53% | 47% | 51% | 0.002 |
| Race | | | | | 0.85 |
| White | 81% | 80% | 84% | 81% | |
| Asian | 12% | 13% | 12% | 14% | |
| Black | 2% | 3% | 2% | 2% | |
| Other | 5% | 4% | 3% | 4% | |
| Diabetes | 46% | 43% | 42% | 42% | 0.06 |
| Prior HF Hosp | 53% | 53% | 41% | 53% | 0.66 |
| Atrial Fibrillation | 1% | 10% | 55% | 63% | <0.001 |

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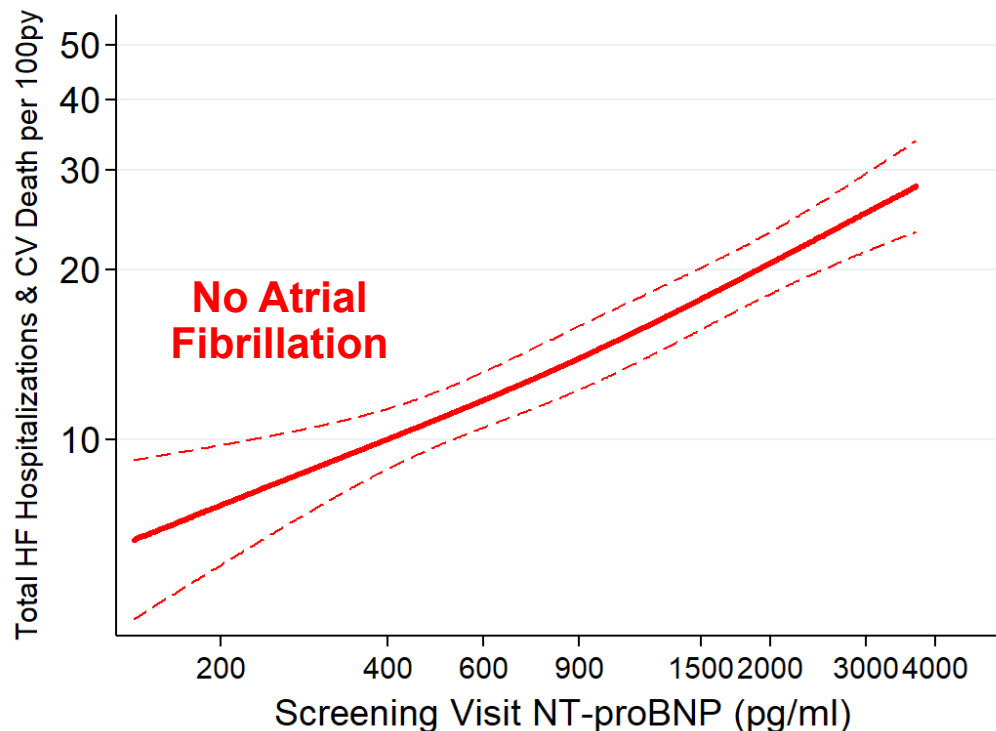
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| NYHA FC | | | | | <0.001 |
| I | 4% | 3% | 2% | 2% | |
| II | 79% | 79% | 78% | 74% | |
| III | 17% | 18% | 20% | 23% | |
| IV | <1% | <1% | <1% | <1% | |
| BMI (kg/m ²) | 31.1 ± 5.1 | 30.4 ± 4.9 | 31.1 ± 5.0 | 29.0 ± 4.8 | <0.001 |
| LVEF (%) | 58.9 ± 7.9 | 57.8 ± 7.9 | 57.0 ± 7.6 | 56.3 ± 7.8 | <0.001 |
| eGFR (ml/min/1.73m ²) | 67.3 ± 19.8 | 63.0 ± 18.7 | 61.6 ± 18.1 | 58.1 ± 18.4 | <0.001 |

Baseline NT-proBNP strongly predicted total HF hosp & CV death

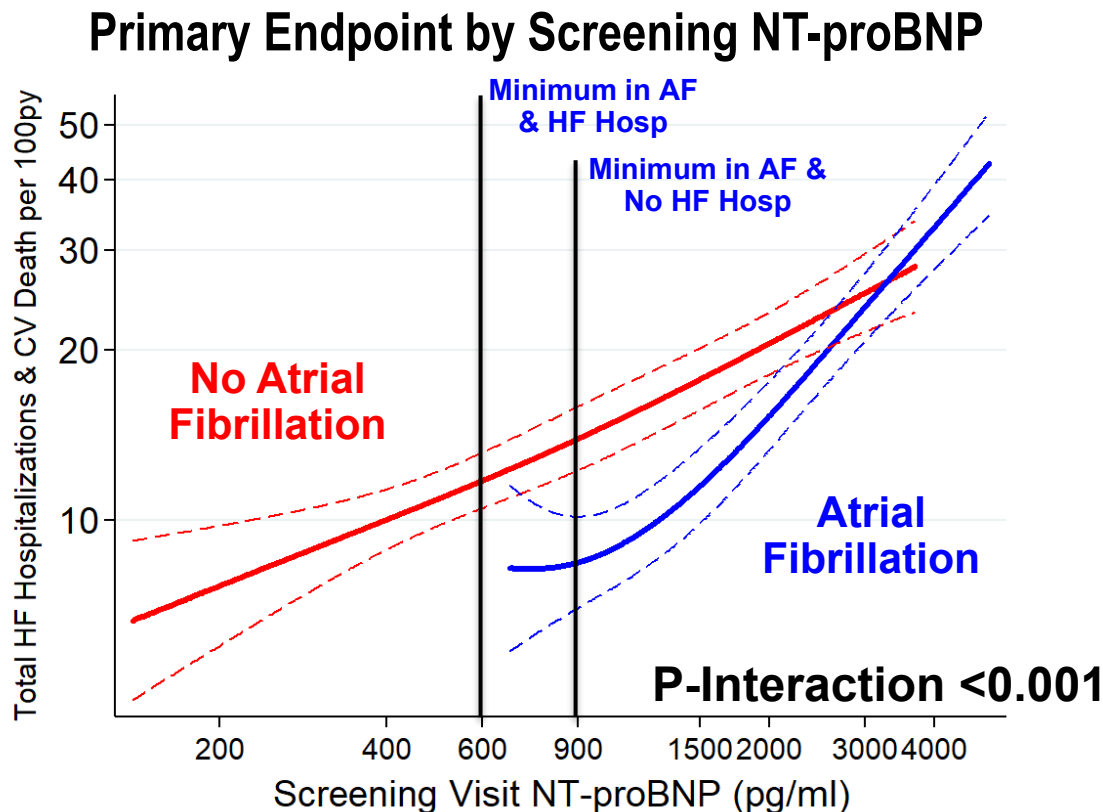


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Primary Endpoint by Screening NT-proBNP

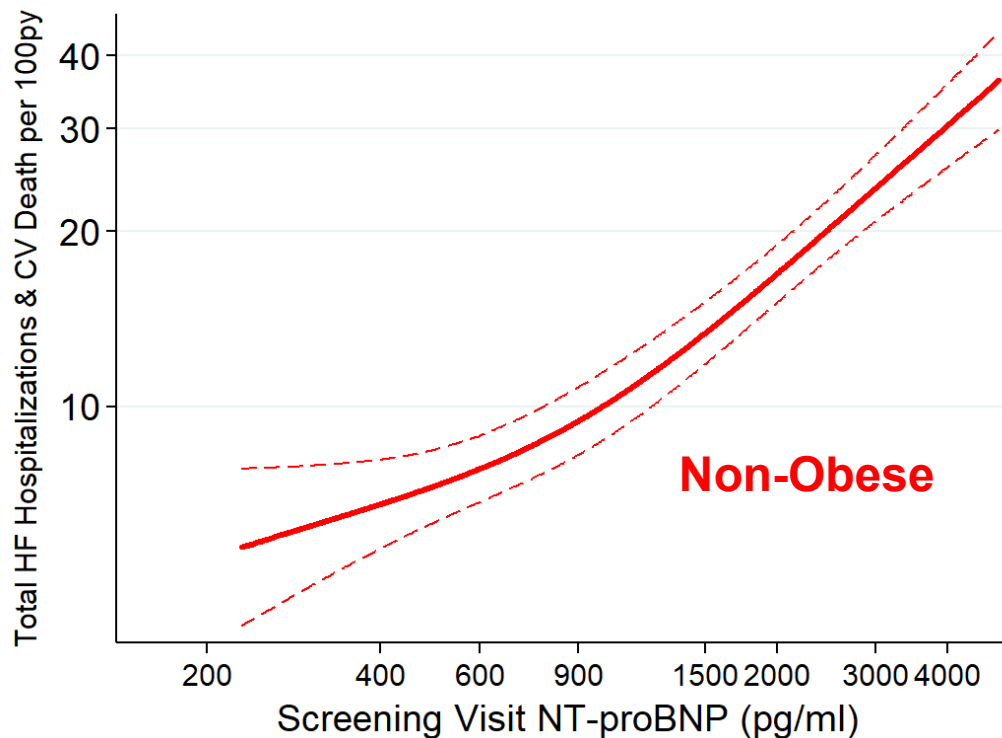


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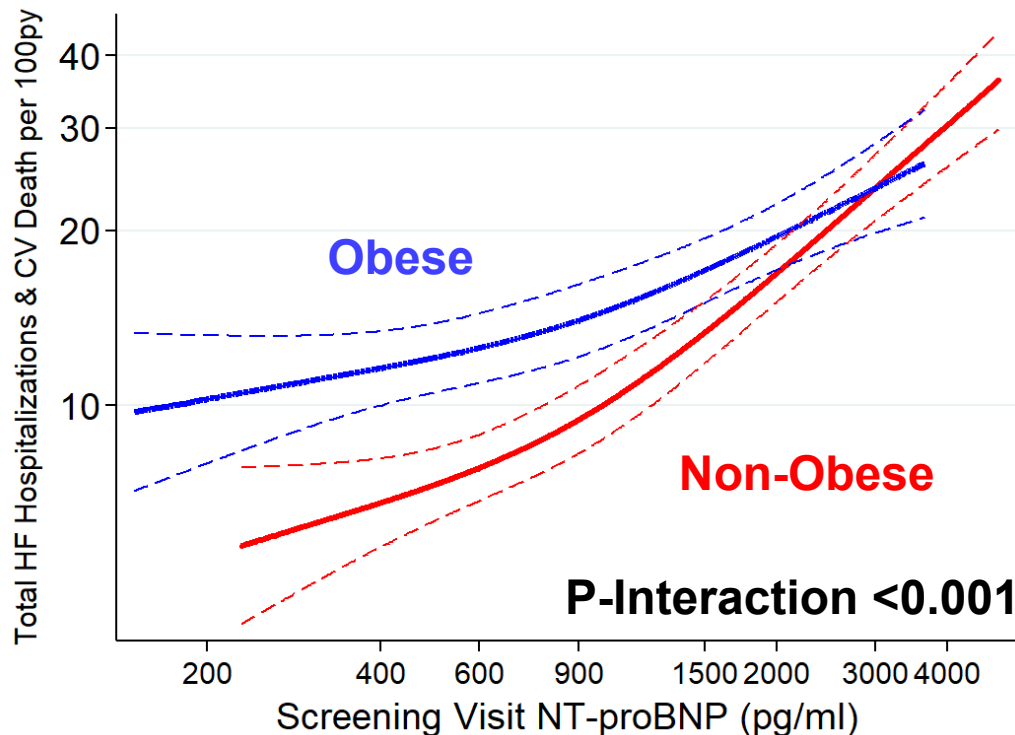
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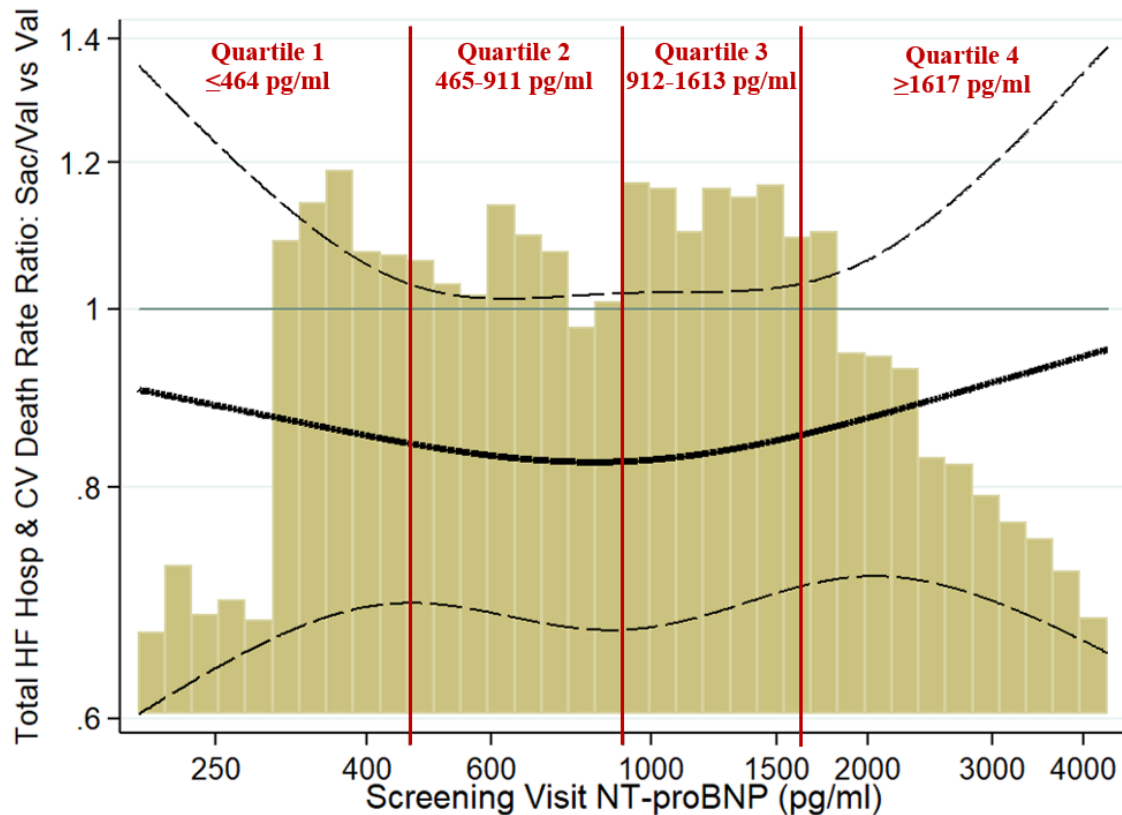


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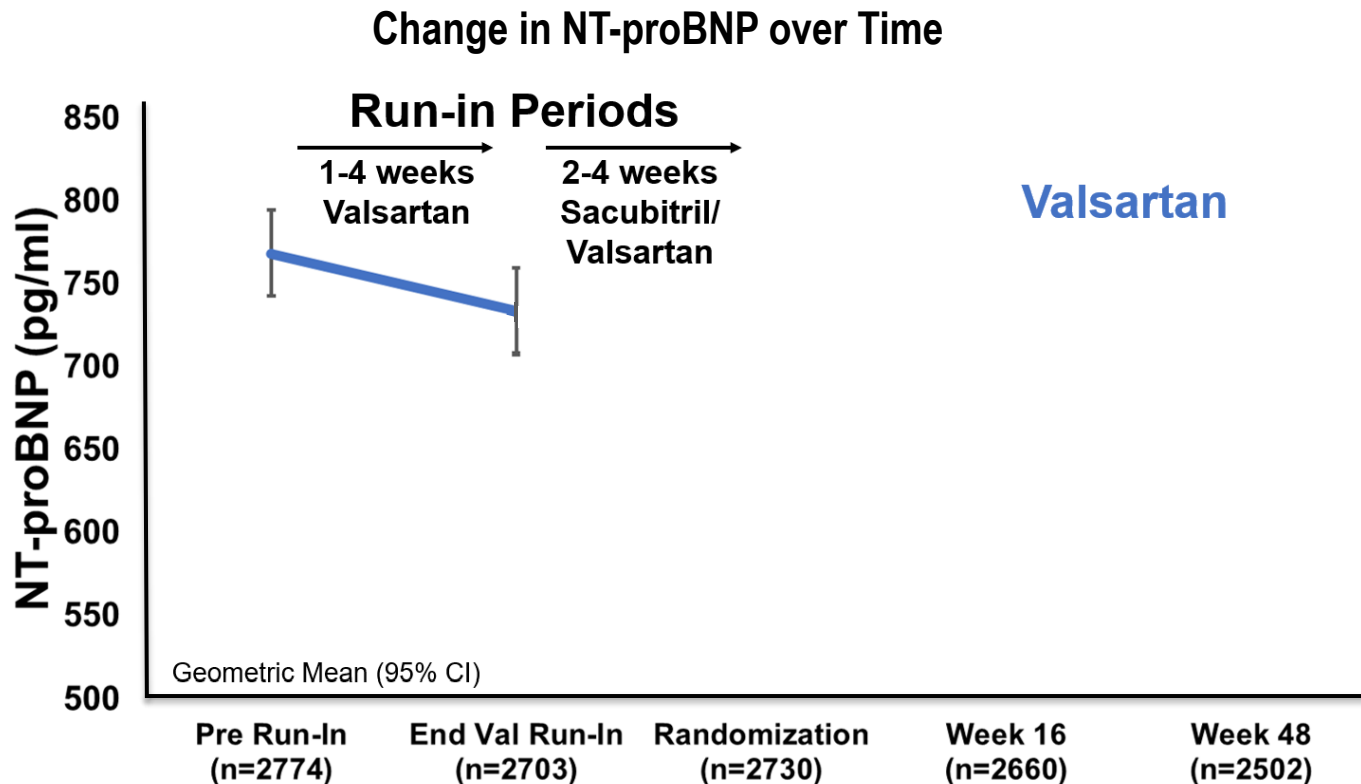
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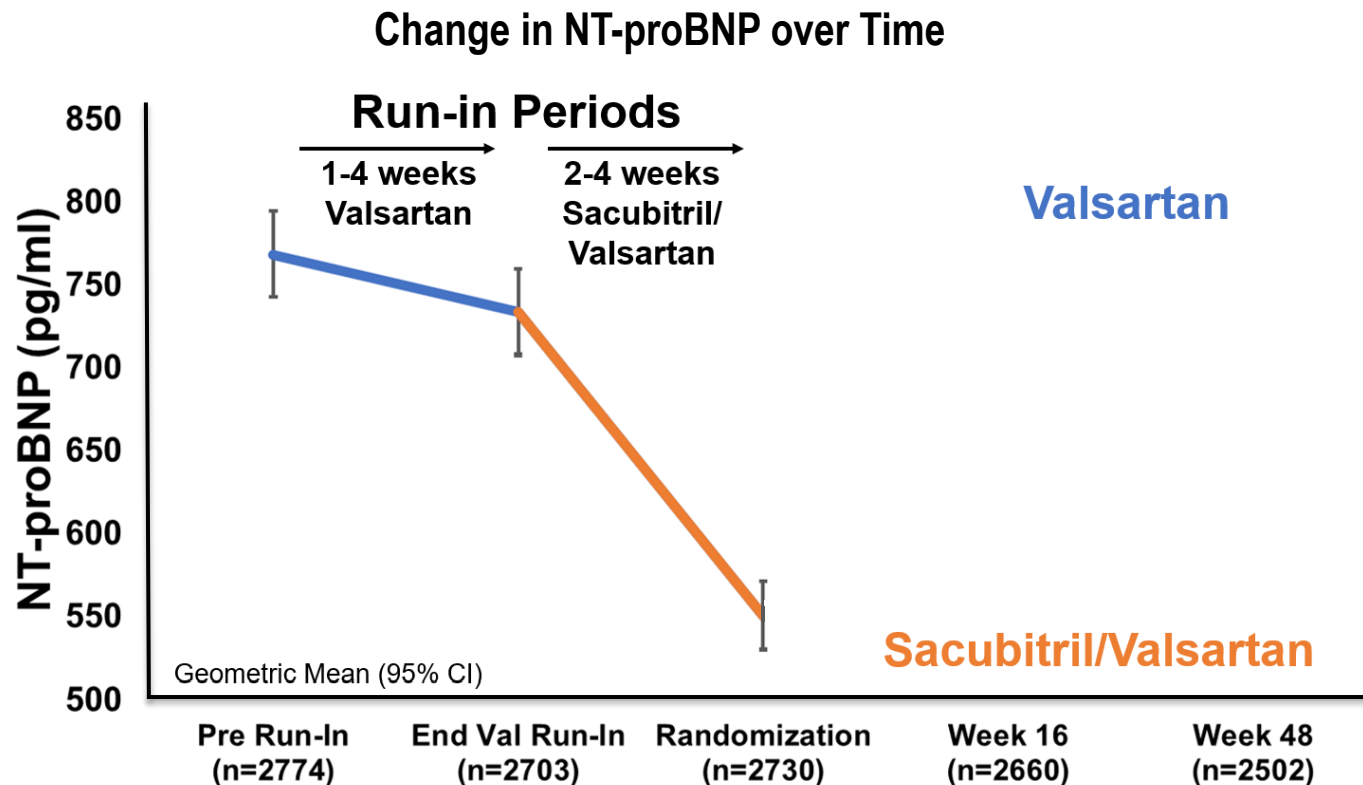
NT-proBNP Did Not Modify Sacubitril/Valsartan Treatment Effect



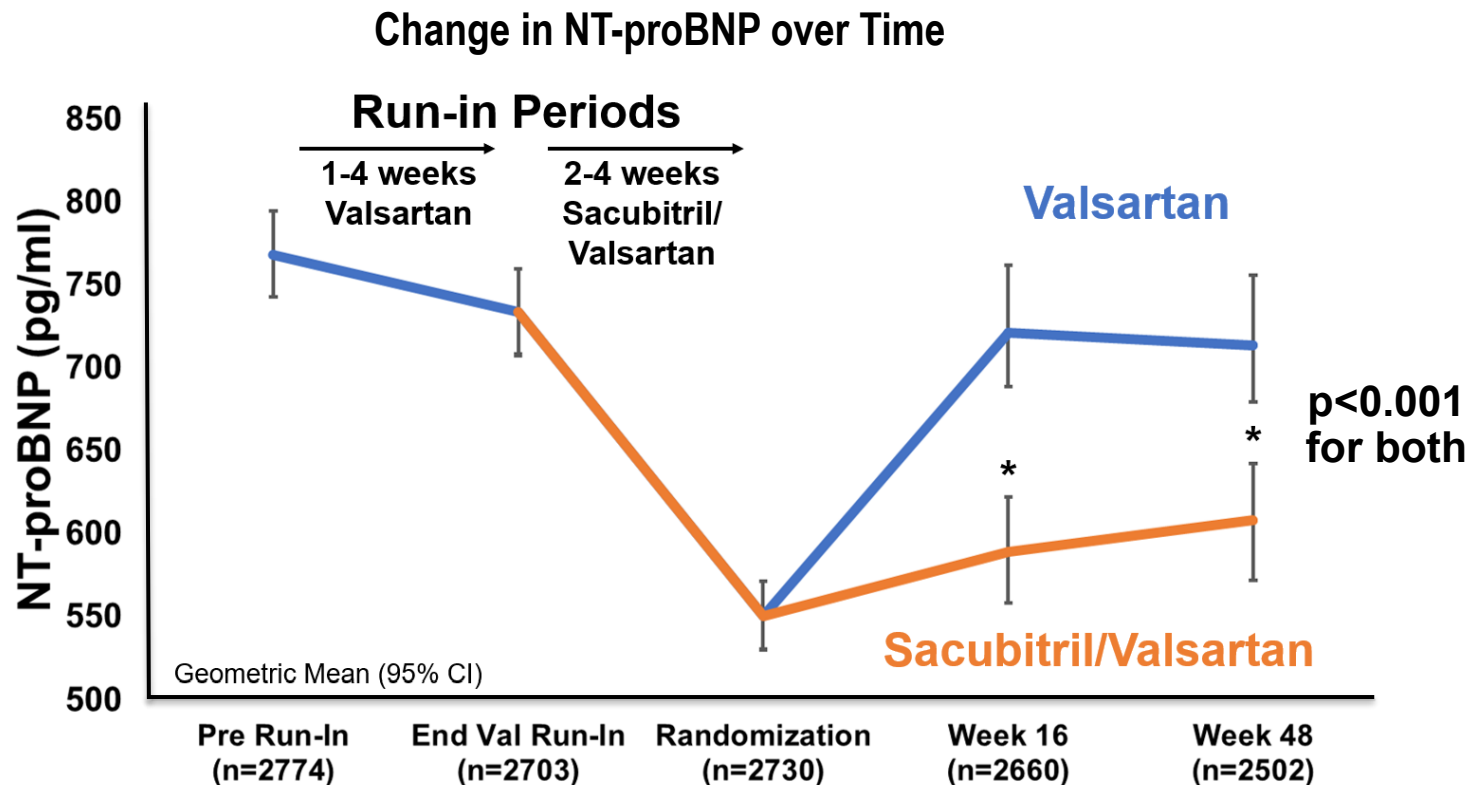
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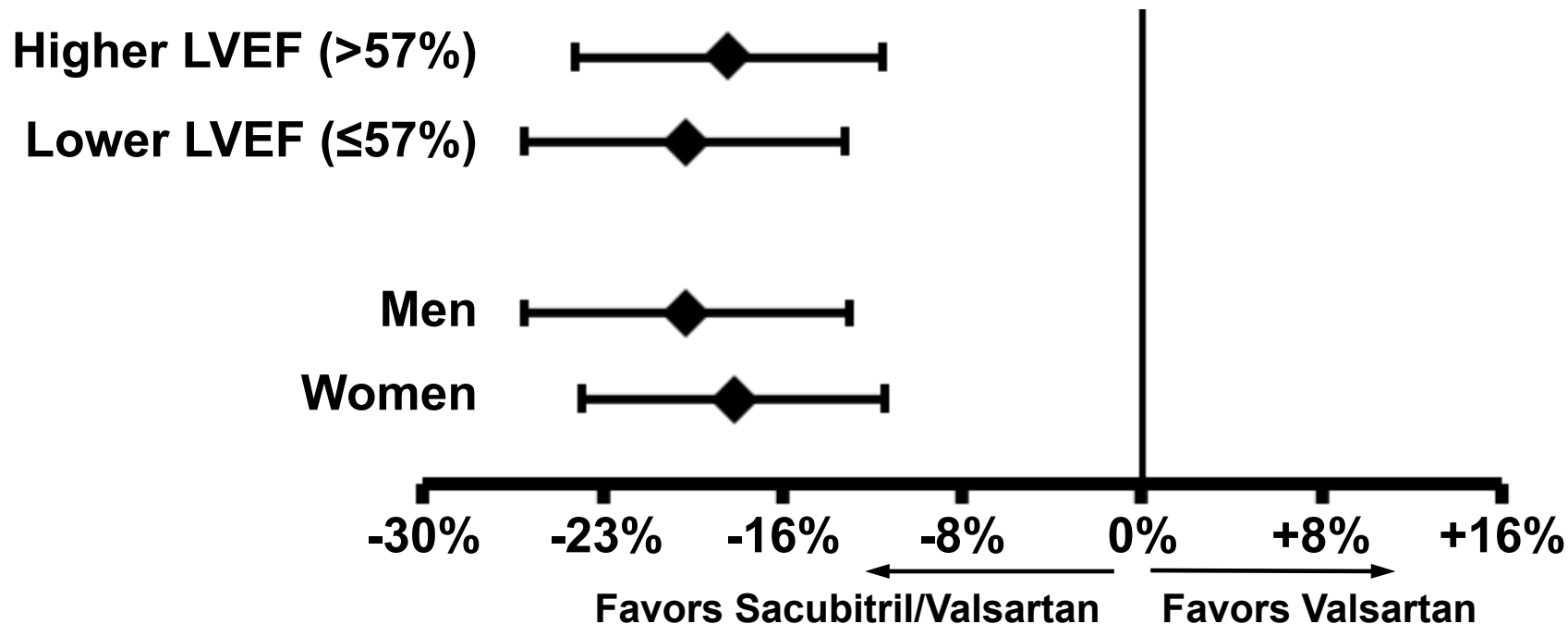


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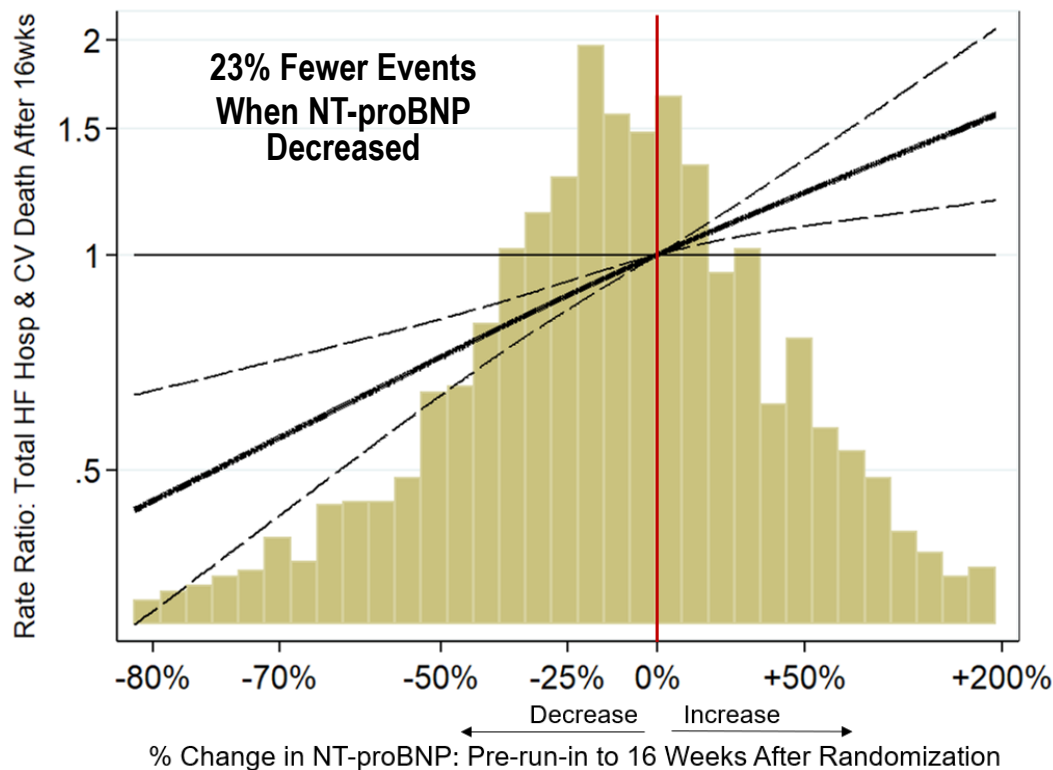
NT-proBNP Reduction Consistent in Key Subgroups

NT-proBNP Reduction with Sac/Val vs Val at 16Wks



Decreases in NT-proBNP Associated with Lower Event Rate

Association of NT-proBNP Change & Subsequent Events



Conclusions

NT-proBNP Risk Prediction

- NT-proBNP strongly predicted events in HFpEF
- Risk in atrial fibrillation is lower for a given NT-proBNP
- Obese patients with low NT-proBNP retain moderate risk

Effects of Sacubitril/Valsartan

- Sacubitril/valsartan reduced NT-proBNP by 19% vs valsartan
- NT-proBNP reduction similar in men/women and lower/higher LVEF
- NT-proBNP did not identify patients who benefit more from sacubitril/valsartan

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